

**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, Scott D. Ritche, having a residence address of 5406 South Dunkirk Way, Centennial, CO 80015, have made a certain new and useful invention relating to a **AUTOMATED SERVICE SUPPORT OF SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER NETWORK**, for which I am making or I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application being identified by Docket No. P5663 and Client/Matter No. 80168.0226 in the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P. One Tabor Center, 1200 Seventeenth Street, Suite 1500, Denver, Colorado, 80202, and which is executed concurrently herewith, and

WHEREAS, I now own the entire right, title and interest therein; and

WHEREAS, Sun Microsystems, Inc., hereinafter ASSIGNEE, a Delaware corporation, whose post office address is 901 San Antonio Road, MS PAL01 -521, Palo Alto, CA 94303, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention, said application, and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

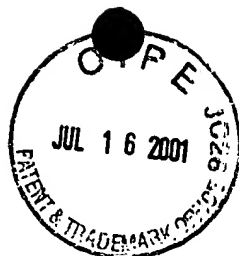
NOW THEREFORE, upon consideration of my employment and other good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell and assign unto ASSIGNEE and assignee's legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, and the Letters Patent, both of the United States and of other countries, and inventor's certificates, that may or shall issue thereon; and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to assignee, consistent with the terms of this Assignment.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, I do hereby covenant with assignee that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with this assignment, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in applying for and obtaining original, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, reexamined, renewal, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of other countries, or inventor's certificates, on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or causes in action accruing as a result of such applications, certificates, or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications, certificates, or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on the date hereinafter set forth.

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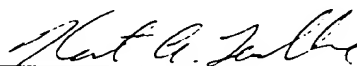
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